



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q54487

Eiko MASATSUJI, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1614

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Examiner: Vickie Y. Kim

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For: DERMAL AGENT

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A petition and fee for a one month extension of time are submitted herewith to extend the time period for responding to the Office Action dated May 16, 2003 to September 16, 2003.

Please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 and 16-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 16-20 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Sano et al in view of Fahim.

The Examiner states that Sano et al teaches a stable topical composition comprising an effective amount of metal salts of ascorbic acid-2-phosphate used in the field of cosmetics and medicines. According to the Examiner, Sano et al further teaches a salt formation process using